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MEETINGS

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1. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE EC COUNCIL'S TENTATIVE
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OF A HIGH DEGREE OF CONVERGENCE OF MEMBER STATE ECONOMIC

POLICIES (REFTEL), THE FOLLOWING DATES HAVE BEEN SET ASIDE FOR EC COUNCIL MEETINGS OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTERS SHOULD THE COUNCIL JUDGE IT NECESSARY TO MEET TO DISCUSS ECONOMIC AND MONETARY ISSUES: JANUARY 21-22; FEBRUARY 18-19; MARCH 18-19; APRIL 29-30; MAY 20-21; JUNE 17-18.
(THE SCHEDULE OF OTHER COUNCIL MEETINGS IS BEING SENT BY SEPTTEL.)

2. IT IS NOT EXPECTED THAT THE COUNCIL (FINANCE) WILL ACTUALLY MEET ON ALL THESE DATES -- E.G. WE UNDERSTAND NO MEETING IS PLANNED FOR JANUARY 21-22-- BUT THE MINISTERS ARE EXPECTED TO BE AVAILABLE SHOULD CIRCUMSTANCES JUSTIFY A MEETING. ACCORDING TO A PERM REP SOURCE, THERE IS A GOOD CHANCE THE ECONOMICS AND FINANCE MINISTERS WILL MEET FEBRUARY 18-19, BY WHICH TIME A DISCUSSION OF THE FINANCIAL ASPECTS OF THE ENERGY SITUATION WILL BE CONSIDERED OPPORTUNE.

3. IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT THE NEW PROCEDURE OF SETTING ASIDE DATES FOR MONTHLY FINANCE MINISTERS' MEETINGS HAS BEEN ADOPTED EVEN IN THE ABSENCE THUS FAR OF FORMAL COUNCIL APPROVAL OF THE RESOLUTION ON CONVERGENCE OF MEMBER STATE ECONOMIC POLICIES.
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